

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1559 – HB 2200

March 25, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any physician, nurse, emergency medical technician, or midwife who assists or is in charge of the birth of an infant or has care of the infant immediately following the birth, to obtain testing for the glucose level of the infant within one hour after birth. A violation is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$167,600

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$300,400

Assumptions:

- Asymptomatic testing of newborns for glucose level is not currently practiced. The average reimbursement for such a test is \$13.
- TennCare would reimburse for glucose testing of approximately 36,000 newborns which is estimated to increase combined state and federal expenditures by \$468,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director